# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES FPI
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) the estimated increase in number of Food Processing Industries during the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(b) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to achieve the target ? ANSWER

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES ( SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH )

(a): Food Processing Industries are both in the organized and unorganized sectors and as such, the information regarding number of food processing industries is not maintained Centrally.

(b): For the development of processed food sector, the Government has been taking various steps from time to time which inter-alia include :

(i) Provision of soft loan and grant-in-aid;

(ii) Inclusion of food processing industries in the list of priority sector for bank lending;

(iii) Exemption of most of the processed food items from the purview of licensing under Industries (Development & Regulation) Act;

(iv) Automatic approval for foreign equity up to 100% for most of the processed food items except alcohol and beer and those reserved for small scale sector subject to certain conditions.